

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO.97-451-C- ORDER NO. 98-44

JANUARY 22, 1998

IN RE: Joint Petition of MIDCOM Communications,) ORDER
Inc. and Phoenix Network, Inc. for the) GRANTING
Consent and Approval to the Merger of) REQUEST
Phoenix Network, Inc. with and into)
MIDCOM Communications, Inc.)

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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of MIDCOM Communications, Inc. (MIDCOM) and Phoenix Network, Inc. (Phoenix) to withdraw their Joint Petition relating to the proposed merger of Phoenix with and into MIDCOM. The request is based on the fact that the Agreement and Plan of Merger between the two parties has been terminated. Phoenix will continue to exist and provide service to its customers pursuant to its certification and tariff.

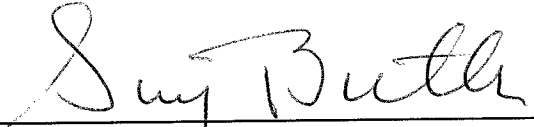
We have examined this matter and determined that the request to withdraw the Joint Petition should be granted, due to termination of the Agreement and Plan of Merger between the two companies. The request is therefore granted, and the Docket is closed.

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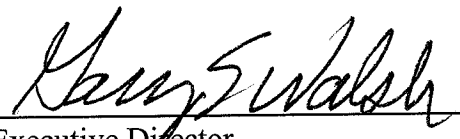
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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Deputy Executive Director

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